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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 104\***

**House Bill No. 283**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section\_\_\_. (a) The General Assembly finds that the children of Tennessee are the state's most precious resource and its hope for the future. Accordingly, the state of Tennessee shall do everything in its power to ensure the provision of comprehensive, quality health care, including prevention and wellness services, to all minors of Tennessee. Further, the state of Tennessee shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that appropriately trained and equipped providers are available to minors within a reasonable geographic travel distance.

(b) The division of health related boards is empowered to and shall, in conjunction with each applicable health related board under Section 68-1-101, promulgate rules to establish standards for the qualifications of health care providers licensed by such boards who treat minors.

(c) All rules promulgated under this Section shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, and shall be promulgated by January 1, 1996.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

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(b) The commissioner of health is empowered to and shall promulgate rules to establish standards for the qualifications of health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, home care organizations, residential hospices, ambulatory surgical treatment centers, and facilities operated for the provision of alcohol and drug prevention and/or treatment services which treat minors. Such standards shall address the specific treatment needs of minors that differ from the treatment needs of adults.

(c) All rules promulgated under this subsection shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5 and shall be promulgated by January 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.